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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 22, 2006. The one month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire April 22, 2006, making this a timely filed response.

In view of the following response and amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue to conduct a substantive examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on page **11** of this paper.